

House of Representatives

File No. 758

General Assembly

January Session, 2001

(Reprint of File No. 206)

Substitute House Bill No. 6763 As Amended by House Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner May 10, 2001

AN ACT AUTHORIZING RETIRED HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES TO OBTAIN DRUGS AT HOSPITALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Subsection (a) of section 20-610 of the general statutes is repealed
- 2 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:
- 3 (a) No legend drug, legend device or drugs listed in subsection (b)
- 4 of this section may be dispensed or sold at retail except (1) in a
- 5 pharmacy, [or] (2) by a hospital licensed under sections 19a-490 to 19a-
- 6 503, inclusive, to an employee of the hospital when prescribed by a
- 7 prescribing practitioner for the employee's spouse or
- 8 dependent children, or (3) by such hospital to a retiree of such hospital
- 9 or the retiree's spouse in accordance with the retiree's retirement or
- 10 <u>pension plan</u>.

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Affected Agencies: Department of Consumer Protection

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

State Impact:

Permitting hospitals to sell prescription drugs to their retired employees or their spouses in accordance with the retiree's retirement plan, has no fiscal impact on the Department of Consumer Protection.

House "A" expands the bill to include a retired employee's spouse, there is no fiscal impact resulting from this change.

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OLR Amended Bill Analysis

sHB 6763 (as amended by House "A")*

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SUMMARY:

This bill permits hospitals to sell prescription drugs to their retired employees and their spouses if such sales are provided for in the employees' retirement or pension plans. Current law permits a hospital to sell prescription drugs to its employees, if the drug has been prescribed by a doctor for the employee, his spouse, or dependent children.

*House Amendment "A" permits hospitals to sell prescription drugs to the spouses of their retired employees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

Legislative History

The House referred the bill (File 206) to the Public Health Committee on April 17. The committee reported the bill favorably on April 19.

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Yea 17 Nay 0

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Report Yea 24 Nay 0